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SUBJECT: TARAPUR

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1. ERDA HAS NOW SELECTED TWO WELL-QUALIFIED EXPERTS TO MAKE REVIEW DISCUSSED PARA. 2 REFTTEL A, IT BELIEVES THAT OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF TAPS ARE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE IN THIS ANALYSIS TO FUEL FABRICATION AT NFC AND, THUS, THE TWO ASPECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED CONCURRENTLY. FOR THIS REASON, USE OF INDIVIDUAL EXPERT IN EACH AREA DEEMED DESIRABLE.

2. INDIVIDUALS ARE GEORGE LAST, CURRENTLY AT THE HANFORD ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY (HEDL), WHO IS WELL VERSED IN BOTH PROCESS TECHNOLOGY AND COMMERCIAL FABRICATION OPERATIONS AND WILLIAM KIEFER, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMONWEALTH-EDISON'S (AN ILLINOIS UTILITY HAVING ONE OF THE LARGEST U.S. NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS) NUCLEAR FUEL

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MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. ALTHOUGH THESE INDIVIDUALS HIGHLY

TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED, THEY WILL NEED TO RELY ON OVERALL GUIDANCE OF USG REPRESENTATIVE FAMILIAR WITH BACKGROUND. THUS, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IF YOU COULD ARRANGE TO ACCOMPANY THEM ON VISITS TO BOTH TAPS AND NFC, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

3. ON ASSUMPTION THESE ARRANGEMENTS LIKELY ACCEPTABLE TO SETHNA, WE ARE MAKING PRELIMINARY CONTACT WITH INDIVIDUALS TO DETERMINE AVAILABILITY, STATUS OF PASSPORTS, IMMUNIZATIONS, ETC. IF THIS PROGRESSES FAVORABLY, IT IS OUR HOPE THEY COULD BE IN WASHINGTON FOR ADVANCE BRIEFING ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 2 OR 3 AND DEPART FOR INDIA OVER FOLLOWING WEEK-END. THIS WOULD GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETINGS WITH SETHNA DISCUSSED REFTEL.

4. REQUEST YOU SEEK SETHNA APPROVAL PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS (RECOGNIZING PRESENT TENTATIVE NATURE) AND ADVISE SOONEST. WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED PROMPTLY AS SITUATION PROGRESSES HERE. KISSINGER

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